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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: USIRJC

SUBJECT: COUNTRY-FINANCED TECHNICAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

REFS: TEHRAN 545 AND 836

1. LANGUAGE ON PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES FOR CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL WAS INCLUDED IN DRAFT AGREEMENT TO COVER OUTSIDE EXPERTS WORKING ON COMMISSION PROJECTS UNDER CONTRACT TO USG. IT REFLECTED EFFORT TO PROVIDE CONTRACT PERSONNEL PERFORMING ESSENTIALLY SAME DUTIES AS USG EMPLOYEES IN COMMISSION PROJECT WITH SAME PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES. MOST IMPORTANT GOAL HOWEVER WAS TO EXEMPT USG CONTRACTORS AND THEIR EMPLOYEES FROM IRANIAN TAXES OR ENSURE IRANIANS PAID ALL SUCH TAXES. THERE IS NO INTENTION TO INCLUDE CONTRACT EMPLOYEES WHOSE ACTIVITIES ARE NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO COMMISSION PROJECTS. ELIGIBILITY WILL BE DETERMINED BY DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH EMBASSY AS APPROPRIATE. FYI: SAUDIS HAVE REJECTED SIMILAR LANGUAGE IN DRAFT AGREEMENT PROPOSED TO THEM. WE ARE NOW SEEKING ENSURE SAUDI PAYMENT OF ALL TAXES. WE ARE PREPARED TO DO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LIKEWISE IF GOI TAKES SAME ATTITUDE BUT WISH TO KEEP

PRESENT LANGUAGE IF POSSIBLE. END FYI

2. RE YOUR CONCERNS WITH FHWA AGREEMENT, WE ARE WORKING
TO SETTLE THIS PROBLEM INFORMALLY. LETTER TO PROVENCHER
NOW IN DRAFT WILL PROVIDE DETAILS. KISSINGER

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